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This disgraceful defanging of the court's decision will go down in history as a missed opportunity, brought about by the Bush administration's toadying to all sources of capital, from Microsoft to Enron.

The original decision should have been executed, as a bare minimum. My views on the matter are neatly stated by Prof. Lawrence Lessig's recent work on related matter, "The Future of Ideas." The Internet, in particular, must be saved as a truly neutral platform for development. If the government, and its eminently qualified scientists, were to continue actively supporting that rule, Microsoft would be forced to break up by the "free" market created.

Yours truly

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